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Evaluation Rubric for Master's Examination Paper (Empirical Paper)

The review of the Master's examination paper will use the following holistic rubrics to evaluate it.

A score of zero on any rating will result in a failure.

A. Mechanics: The paper is expected to conform with the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed., 2001).

I. Proper Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Score:
2- Accomplished: The paper is essentially error free in grammar, punctuation and spelling.	
1- Satisfactory: While there may be minor errors, the paper follows normal conventions of spelling and grammar throughout. Errors do not significantly interfere with topic comprehensibility.	
0- Unsatisfactory: Major errors in spelling, grammar, sentence structures that make reading difficult and interfere with comprehensibility.	
Comments:	

II. Writing Style <i>The writing style helps the reader to follow and comprehend the paper. It includes an orderly presentation of ideas, smoothness of expression, precision and clarity. The paper is expected to conform with Chapter 2 (Expressing Ideas and Reducing Bias in Language) of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed., 2001). Specifically, the paper will display an: Orderly presentation of ideas; Smoothness and Economy of expression; Precision and Clarity.</i>	Score:
2- Accomplished: The manuscript is ready for submission for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. While there may be minor errors, conventions for style and format are used consistently throughout the paper. Writing flows smoothly from one idea to another. Transitions effectively establish a sound scholarly argument and aid the reader in following the writer's logic. Organizationally, smooth and effective transitions between topics lead the reader through an orderly discussion of the topic being addressed.	
1- Satisfactory: While there may be minor errors, conventions for style and format are used consistently throughout the paper. Transitions and organizational structures such as subheadings are effectively used to help the reader move from one point to another.	
0- Unsatisfactory: Major stylist problems and inconsistencies are apparent. The inappropriate style makes reading and comprehension difficult. Weak transitions and apparent logic gaps occur between topics being addressed. The style detracts from the comprehensibility of the manuscript.	
Comments:	

<p>III. APA Editorial Style (Chapter 3 to 6 of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association)</p> <p>2- Accomplished: The manuscript is organized and prepared in APA format, e.g., appropriates citations, headings, subordination, references and tables.</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: The manuscript is generally and prepared in APA format. Some minor omissions occur.</p> <p>0- Unsatisfactory. APA Editorial Style is almost neglected or misinterpreted on a large scale</p>	<p>Score:</p>
<p>Comments:</p>	

B. Theoretical Framework:

<p>IV. The Topic</p> <p>2- Accomplished: The topic of the paper is clearly presented and the significance of the topic is explicitly stated. The topic is carefully focused. Historical, conceptual or theoretical grounding of the topic is present.</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: While the topic is clearly presented, the reader must infer its importance. Weaknesses are evidence in the historical, conceptual, theoretical, or importance of the topic</p> <p>0- Unsatisfactory: The topic is not clearly stated or it is difficult for the reader to determine why the topic is important.</p>	<p>Score:</p>
<p>Comments:</p>	

<p>V. Critical Analysis</p> <p>2- Accomplished: The theoretical framework makes a clear argument that (1) lays out a line of research, (2) identifies gaps in the research, (3) provides a clear rationale for this particular study, and (4) clearly states research questions that are directly related to the purpose.</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: The theoretical framework more or less accomplishes the 4 tasks stated above, but it could be stronger.</p> <p>0- Unsatisfactory: Major parts of the theoretical framework are missing or unacceptable.</p>	<p>Score:</p>
<p>Comments:</p>	

C. Procedures:

VI. Methods	Score:
<p>2- Accomplished: The methods are clearly appropriate for answering the research question(s). The methods are explained in sufficient detail. The methods are implemented appropriately. The sample is adequate.</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: Methods are generally appropriate for answering the research question(s). Most of the methods are explained in sufficient detail and implemented correctly. The sample is more or less adequate.</p> <p>0- Unsatisfactory – Methods are inappropriate for answering the research question(s). The methods are not explained in sufficient detail and/or are not implemented correctly. The sample is definitely inadequate.</p>	
Comments:	

VII. Data collection	Score:
<p>2- Accomplished: The measures or data collecting techniques were exemplary (e.g., instruments were well designed and had sufficient reliability statistics; qualitative methods yielded “thick description”). The data contained sufficient depth and breadth for the purposes of the study.</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: The measures or data collecting techniques were adequate. The amount of data collected was sufficient but greater breadth or depth of data would have strengthened the study.</p> <p>0- Unsatisfactory – The measures or data collection techniques were poorly designed or poorly executed. The data lacked depth and breadth.</p>	
Comments:	

VIII. Data Analysis	Score:
<p>2- Accomplished: The appropriate statistical or qualitative analyses were used. The analyses were executed appropriately.</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: The appropriate analyses were used and generally executed appropriately, but minor mistakes were made.</p> <p>0- Satisfactory: Inappropriate analyses were used and/or the analyses were executed inappropriately.</p>	
Comments:	

<p>IV. Results.</p> <p>2- Accomplished: The results are fully reported and fully explained. All the appropriate statistics are reported (when applicable). Exemplary thick description is provided (when applicable).</p> <p>1- Satisfactory: The results are adequately reported and explained.</p> <p>0- Satisfactory: The results are inadequately reported and explained.</p>	<p>Score:</p>
<p>Comments:</p>	

<p>X. Conclusions</p> <p>2-Accomplished: The conclusions are based on the results and do not overstate the data.</p> <p>1-Satisfactory: The conclusions might slightly overstate the data.</p> <p>0- Unsatisfactory: The conclusions overstate the data, are disconnected from the data, or a missing.</p>	
<p>Comments:</p>	